

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Robert H. Felix, Jr. Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-266

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ No ☐ Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Robert H. Felix Jr. Farm, with its main dwelling built *circa* 1900 and its agricultural buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Agriculture was the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland in the late nineteenth century, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye, and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine, and horses.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report


(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/1/98  
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

1.  
Date

Robert H. Felix, Jr. Farm Complex  
G-IV-A-266  
3783 Pleasant Valley Road  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1900-1910  
Private

This farm complex includes a farmhouse, a springhouse, a tractor shed, a garage, and three barns. The house is a two-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed, L-plan frame dwelling with three one-story shed-roofed additions, an open sided hip-roofed front porch that extends the full width of the front elevation, and a small one-story gable-roofed frame rear entry. It is built with a stone foundation, fiberboard and asbestos-shingled walls, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with an interior brick chimney. Windows are a mixture of single and tripled one-over-one and two-over-two, double-hung sash with wooden trim. Most door openings contain wood or wood and glass doors with wooden surrounds. Outbuildings on the property include a modern tractor shed, a stone springhouse with a working spring, a modern aluminum garage, a gable-roofed, gable-fronted frame barn, a large gambrel-roofed, gable-fronted, two-story frame bank barn with an attached concrete block milkhouse, and a reworked, partially embanked, one-story frame barn now used as a stable. The house faces south-southeast and occupies a mostly open, relatively flat piece of land on Pleasant Valley Road about two-and-one-half miles southeast of Oakland.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Robert H. Felix, Jr.

### 2. Location

street &amp; number

3782 Pleasant Valley Road

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town

Oakland

X vicinity

county

Garrett

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Robert H. Felix, Jr.

street &amp; number

3782 Pleasant Valley Road

telephone

301-334-2467

city, town

Oakland

state and zip code

MD 21550-9202

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Garrett County Courthouse

tax map and parcel

85-10-13

city, town

Oakland

liber and folio

572/202

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

**Category**

- ☐ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

**Ownership**

- ☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

**Current Function**

- ☒ agriculture ☐ landscape  
☐ commerce/trade ☐ recreation/ culture  
☐ defense ☐ religion  
☒ domestic ☐ social  
☐ education ☐ transportation  
☐ funerary ☐ work in progress  
☐ government ☐ unknown  
☐ health care ☐ vacant/not in use  
☐ industry ☐ other:

**Resource Count**

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The house is built on a coursed and roughly dressed stone foundation that encloses a full cellar. The building is presently sheathed in a mixture of fiberboard and asbestos shingles. An asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a plain flat verge, exposed rafter feet, and a wooden eave tops the building; the roof is further embellished with curved sawn partial cornice returns. Lozenge-shaped fixed sash windows light the attic of the main block near the roof peak. A single interior brick chimney with a corbeled top rises from the center of the roof at the ridge line. The house is presently painted yellow with white trim.

Windows consist of a mixture of single and tripled one-over-one and two-over-two, double-hung sash finished with a mixture of molded and plain flat wooden surrounds. A single octagonal fixed-sash window lights the second story on the southwest elevation, and several three-light fixed sash windows light the cellar level. The front door opening, which is located near the southernmost corner of the house, contains a wooden door lit by a single pane of glass; the door opening is finished with a flat wooden surround. The covered rear entry, which is topped with a corrugated metal roof and clad in fiberboard walling, is fitted with a solid particleboard door. Two additional doors provide access to the interior: one, which is located on the southwest elevation, is constructed entirely of plywood. The other, located on the northeast side of the smallest one-story shed-roofed addition, contains a more finished wooden door lit by a two-light glass upper section.

The open front porch consists of a stone foundation, a wooden deck, three battered wooden porch posts, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof. The rear porch consists simply of an open concrete stoop on brick piers, a set of concrete steps, and an iron handrail. One of the shed-roofed additions is located on the northeast side of the house, nestled in the right angle of the L of the building's main block. This addition is sheathed with plywood, topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof, and accessed by several concrete steps. The other two shed-roofed additions are built end-to-end and extend along the southwest side of the house. Both are sheathed in asbestos shingles and topped with a continuous asphalt-shingled shed roof.

Several outbuildings stand on the property. An open-sided, one-story, gable-roofed tractor or equipment storage shed built on four-by-four wooden posts stands just off of the eastern corner of the house. This open shed is covered with a corrugated aluminum roof. A gable-roofed stone springhouse stands near the house's westernmost corner. The springhouse is covered with a standing seam metal roof that is further embellished with scrolled metal roof cresting at each gable peak. A working spring still runs through the building. A gable-roofed, gable entry, one-bay, one-story garage stands east of the house; this building is completely clad and roofed with corrugated aluminum. A gable-roofed, gable-fronted barn topped with a corrugated metal roof stands just north of the house; this building is sheathed in a combination of weatherboards and vertical boards and accessed by a set of sliding wooden doors in the gable.

Further to the west stands a large gambrel-roofed, gable-fronted, two-story frame bank barn. This building is clad in a mixture of board-and-batten and weatherboard walling. Access to the interior is provided by several doors of varying sizes on the ground floor level as well as a set of double wooden doors at the loft level. A roof extension or cat's head projects over these doors and protects a beam hoist and hay track extension. Several rectangular louvers located on the long walls ventilate the barn's interior. An earthen embankment or ramp built against the northern elevation leads to the barn's upper level. According to the owner, this barn was built in the first decade of the twentieth century. A gable-roofed one-story concrete block milkhouse, which is also located on the north side of the barn, is partially embanked. The milkhouse is topped with a corrugated metal roof; its gables are clad in board-and-batten siding and its interior is lit by two-over-two, double-hung sash windows.

A reworked, partially embanked, one-story frame barn built on a stone and rusticated concrete block foundation stands near the northeast corner of this large gambrel-roofed barn. An earth and stone embankment built against the north wall of this building leads to its upper level. This building is topped with a rolled asphalt roof and lit primarily by tripled sets of two-over-two, double-hung sash windows with flat wooden surrounds. An open-sided, one-story, shed-roofed frame lean-to topped with a corrugated metal roof is built on the barn's south elevation. This building was used most recently to house pigs, but has since been reclaimed for use as a stable.

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A long driveway, which runs diagonally between the house and garage, extends westward toward the gambrel-roofed barn. Because the present property owner raises horses and a variety of other livestock, the house and outbuildings are surrounded by a series of corrals, several of which are enclosed with electrified wire fences. The house is in fair condition and is currently occupied.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** Circa 1900-1910 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial / Urban Dominance  
A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category:

Buildings

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling and agricultural buildings

Known Design Source:

None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 53.23 acres

Acreage surveyed 53.23 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 13, Map 85, Grid 10

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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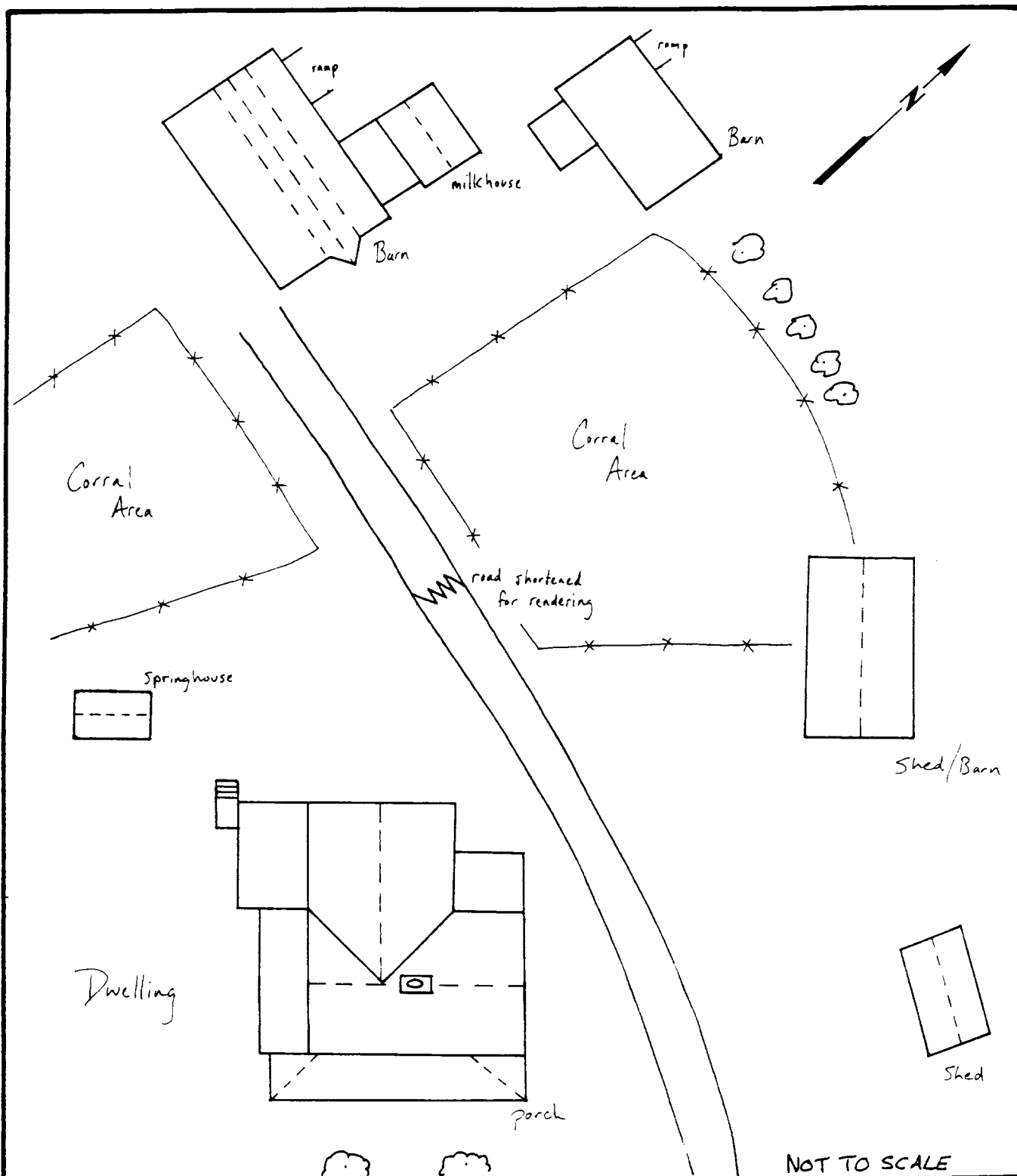
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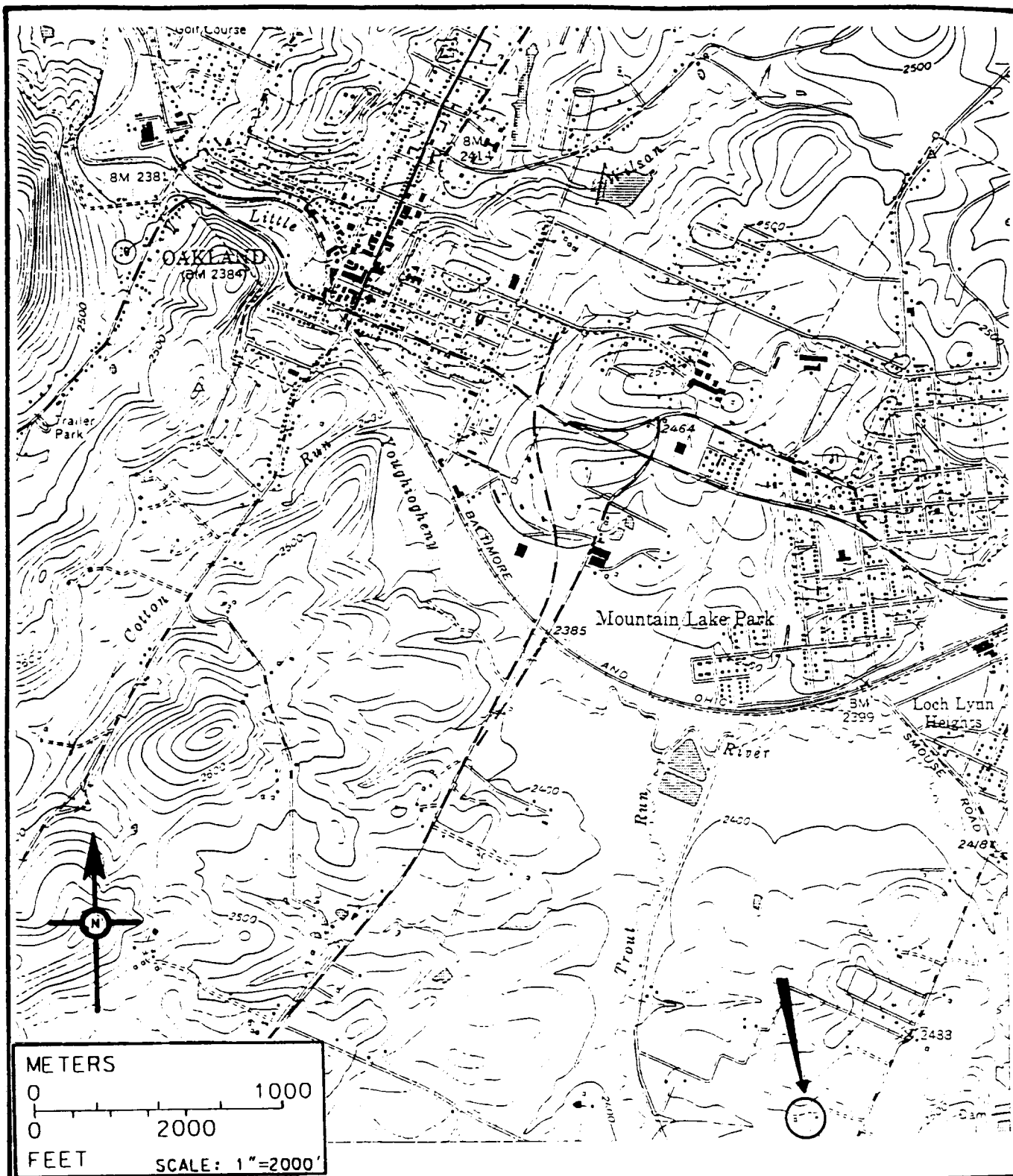
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### Resource Sketch Map

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Robert H. Felix, Jr. Farm  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



### Location Map

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 Robert H. Felix, Jr. Farm  
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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